

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2020-0024]**

**Information Collection: NRC Form 446, "Request for Approval of Official Foreign  
Travel By Non-Government Personnel"**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on this proposed collection of information. The information collection is entitled NRC Form 446, "Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel By Non-Government Personnel." The information will be collected from non-government personnel who are not travelling under the authority of an existing contract but are traveling to a foreign country on behalf of the NRC on official business. Providing the information will be voluntary but if not provided, the request for approval of foreign travel may be denied.

**DATES:** Submit comments by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0024**. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **Mail comments to:** David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Stop: T-6 A10M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; e-mail: [Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

**A. Obtaining Information**

Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2020-0024** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0024**. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID **NRC-2020-0024** on this Web site.

- **NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “[Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.](#)” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML20064E970. The supporting statement and ADAMS under Accession No. ML20010E831.

- **NRC's Clearance Officer:** A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting NRC's Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; e-mail: [Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov).

## B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID **NRC-2020-0024** in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS, and the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized below.

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 446, "Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel By Non-Government Personnel."

2. *OMB approval number:* An OMB control number has not yet been assigned to this proposed information collection.

3. *Type of submission:* New

4. *The form number, if applicable:* NRC Form 446.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* Approximately 20 times/year.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Non-government personnel who are not requesting official foreign travel on behalf of the NRC under an active contract.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 20

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 20

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* One hour per form x 20 forms = 20 hours/year.

10. *Abstract:* The information collected is used to review and approve foreign travel by individuals who are traveling on behalf of or at the invitation of the NRC but are neither government employees on official travel nor individuals traveling in support of an NRC contract on behalf of the NRC.

### **III. Specific Requests for Comments**

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Dated: August 24, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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